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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister`s meeting with the Trade Union representatives failed to break the deadlock on labour reforms as reported in Pioneer dated October 19,2002;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) the details of discussions held with Trade Union Leaders alongwith the demands made by them and final decision taken by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) to (c): The Prime Minister`s meeting with the Trade Union representatives on 18th October was to understand and appreciate the views of different stake holders and to take stock of the action initiated for implementation of the recommendations of 2nd National Commission on Labour (NCL). In the meeting, the Trade Unions raised the issues like amendment in labour laws, labour reforms report of NCL, review of economic policy, disinvestment policy, bonus ceiling, social security, minimum wages, unemployment etc.

Review/updating of labour laws is an ongoing process in order to bring them in tune with the prevailing situation and emerging needs of the economy. The NCL, in its report, has covered review of laws, social security, women & child labour, skill development, labour administration, unorganised sector etc. The Government has initiated the process of tripartite consultations and there is a continuing interaction with the social partners to bring about a workable consensus on implementation of the recommendations of the Commission.